

For Six Month Period Ending 11/30/2009
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant
Policy Impact Communications, Inc.

(b) Registration No.
5936

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
1401 K Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

- (a) If an individual:
- | | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (b) If an organization:
- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.
- (a)(1) Benjamin May now resides at:
6011 Southward Way
Alexandria, VA 22315
- (b)(2) The ownership of Policy Impact Communications, Inc. is now as follows:
William Nixon-52%
Matthew Salmon-16%
John Drew Hiatt-16%
John M. Haddow-16%

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
None	None	None

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
None	None	None	None	None

5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

None

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
Beibei Zhu	Government Relations/Public Relations	09/30/2009

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
Sarah Lingard	3315 Wyndham Circle # 1221 Alexandria, VA 22302	United States	Government Relations/Public Relations	07/15/2009

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

See attached supplemental statement for Sarah Lingard.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

None

None

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

None

None

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan

10. **EXHIBITS A AND B**

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A³ Yes ☒ No ☐
Exhibit B⁴ Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Over the past 6 months, we have worked with the Kazakh embassy with their public relations here in the U.S. Primarily, this involved writing press releases, creating a media strategy—which includes Web 2.0, monitoring mainstream and online media about Kazakhstan, and helping to get a blog for Ambassador Erlan Idrissov, Kazakhstan's ambassador to the U.S., up and running—and counseling the embassy on documents they produce. We also helped to get Ambassador Idrissov, on the Danger Zone radio show, where he discussed Kazakhstan's democracy.

Some of the events that we focused on over the past 6 months are: Kazakhstan's Foreign Prime Minister Saudabayev's visit to New York City, where he addressed the United Nations; Deputy Minister Aitzhanova's visit to Washington, D.C., where she addressed the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; and the U.S. concert tour of Kazakhstan's Symphony Orchestra of the Kurmangazy Kazakh National Conservatory and the Turan Traditional Music Ensemble.

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

See attached

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

N/A

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

N/A

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶.

Date	From whom	Purpose	Amount
05/01/2009	The Republic of Kazakhstan	Retainer	\$500,000.00
08/01/2009	The Republic of Kazakhstan	Retainer	\$200,000.00
11/01/2009	The Republic of Kazakhstan	Retainer	\$200,000.00
			\$900,000.00
			Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date None

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal	Date received	Description of thing of value	Purpose
None	None	None	None

^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐
- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

N/A

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
05/01/2009-11/30/2009		Office Expenses (postage, telephone, fax, messenger service, photocopying)	\$1,000.00

\$1,000.00

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
None	None	None	None	None

(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
05/06/09	\$500+\$500+\$500+\$500=\$2,000	Friends of Joe Pitts	Joseph Pitts
05/19/09	\$1,000	Pallone for Congress	Frank Pallone
06/24/09	\$1,000	21st Century PAC	Buck McKeon
06/25/09	\$500	Pastor for Arizona	Ed Pastor
06/25/09	\$500+\$500=\$1,000	Friends of Joe Baca	Joe Baca
09/30/09	\$500+\$500+\$1,000+\$1,000=\$3,000	Wally Herger for Congress Committee	Wally Herger
11/05/09	\$500+\$500+\$500=\$1,500	Dan Burton for Congress	Dan Burton

^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials¹²?

Yes ☐No ☒

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

None

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

None

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or TV broadcasts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magazine or newspaper articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion picture films | <input type="checkbox"/> Letters or telegrams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> Press releases | <input type="checkbox"/> Pamphlets or other publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures or speeches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public officials | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislators | <input type="checkbox"/> Editors | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups or associations | <input type="checkbox"/> Nationality groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

☐ English

☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☐

No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books,

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

Jan. 1, 2010



William Nixon

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FARA REGISTRATION UNIT
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

NOTICE

Please answer the following questions and return this sheet in triplicate with your Supplemental Statement:

1. Is your answer to Item 16 of Section V (Informational Materials – page 8 of Form CRM-154, formerly Form OBD-64-Supplemental Statement):

YES _____ or NO XX

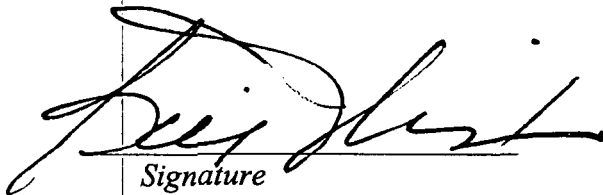
(If your answer to question 1 is "yes" do not answer question 2 of this form.)

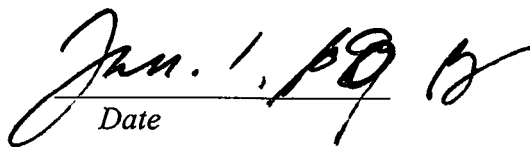
2. Do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration:

YES XX or NO _____

(If your answer to question 2 is "yes" please forward for our review copies of all material including: films, film catalogs, posters, brochures, press releases, etc. which you have disseminated during the past six months.)

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Signature


Date

William Nixon

Please type or print name of
Signatory on the line above

Chairman and CEO

Title



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

THIS FORM IS TO BE AN OFFICIAL ATTACHMENT TO YOUR CURRENT SUPPLEMENTAL
STATEMENT - PLEASE EXECUTE IN TRIPLICATE

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Policy Impact Communications, Inc.

Last Name	First Name and Other Names	Registration Date	Termination Date	Role
Bodmer	Leonardo	05/28/2009		
Bekmyrza	Yerbol	05/28/2009		
Haddow	John M.	05/28/2009		
Heath	Joshua	05/28/2009		
Hiatt	John Drew	05/28/2009		
May	Benjamin	05/28/2009		
Zhu	Beibei	05/28/2009	09/30/09	Government Relations/Public Relations
Morley	Ryan	05/28/2009		
Nixon	William	05/28/2009		
Salmon	Matthew	05/28/2009		
Steinburg	Craig	05/28/2009		
Waldrip	Matthew	05/28/2009		

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National Security Division

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SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
Sarah Lingard	Government Relations/Public Relations	06/15/09

Signature: [Signature]

Date: Jan. 1, 2010

Title: Chairman and CEO

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III. Activities

12. Political Activities

Over the past 6 months, our political activities have focused on removing the Jackson-Vanik restrictions related to Kazakhstan (found in P.L. 93-618), removing the certification language related to Kazakhstan in Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3081 – S. 1434) from the State Department appropriations process, issues related to Kazakhstan becoming the chair of the OSCE in 2010, and Kazakhstan's cooperation with the Central Asia Caucus established in the House of Representatives. We also work with embassy officials to prepare them for meetings and testimony they are involved in.

Our contacts made to discuss the removal of Jackson-Vanik restrictions are:

05/01/2009	Requested joint committee hearing with House Subcommittee on Asia, Pacific, and the Global Environment and the House Committee on Ways and Means
05/01/2009	In-person meeting with Chairman Eni Faleomavaega and Ambassador Idrissov
9/22/09	Spoke in person with Ken Flanz and Peter Fischer of Senator Crapo's Office
9/24/09	In-person meeting with Congressman Burton
10/26/09	Called the following Senators' offices: Sen. Isakson, Sen. Wicker, Sen. Webb, Sen. Gillibrand, Sen. Casey, Sen. Shaheen, Sen. Menendez, Sen. Rische, and Sen. Barasso
10/29/09	By phone, confirmed meetings with the following Senators: Sen. Isakson, Sen. Wicker, Sen. Menendez, Sen. Rische, and Sen. Barasso
11/18/09	In-person meetings in the following offices: Sen. Rockefeller, Sen. Nelson, Sen. Wyden, Sen. Stabenow, Sen. Hatch, Sen. Crapo, Sen. Bunning

Our contacts made to discuss the removal of Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill certification language are:

5/15/09	Conversations over the phone and through email with Chairman Faleomavaega and the House Foreign Affairs Committee
6/10/09	In-person meeting with Chairman Faleomavaega's and his staff
6/29/09	In-person meeting with Robert Fischer of Sen. McCain's staff
7/14/09	In-person meeting with Sen. McCain
8/10/09	Telephone discussion with Sen. Leahy and his staffer Tim Rieser
9/12/09	In-person meeting with Senator Hatch
9/18/09	Spoke on the telephone with Adam Barker of Sen. McCain's staff
9/18/09	Spoke on the telephone with Senators Reese, Hatch, Cominsky, and Gregg
9/21/09	Spoke with Senator Hatch and Jace Johnson
9/22/09	Telephone conversation with Chairman Faleomavaega
9/22/09	Spoke on the phone with Ken Flanz and Peter Fischer of Senator Crapo's Office
9/24/09	Phone and email conversations with Tim Rieser of Sen. Leahy's office
10/13/09	Phone conversation with Representative Nita Lowey, chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations
10/15/09	Called Rachel Carter, Senior Legislative Assistant to Representative Granger
10/23/09	Called Anne Marie Chotvacs, staff member on the House Committee on

	Appropriations
10/27/09	Called Anne Marie Chotvacs, staff member on the House Committee on Appropriations

Our contacts made to discuss Kazakhstan's chairmanship of the OSCE are:

5/6/09	Spoke on the phone with Congressman Joe Pitts, who is on the OSCE Committee, regarding the hearings on May 12
5/12/09	Attended Ambassador Idrissov's testimony at the OCSE hearing
6/1/09	Scheduled meetings over the phone with the following members of the OSCE: Rep. Flake, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Chris Smith and Sen. Cardin
6/9/09	In-person visits with the offices of the following OSCE members: Rep. Flake, Rep. Hastings, Chairman Faleomavaega, Sen. Cardin, Rep Pitts, and Sen. Burr

Our contacts made to discuss the activities of the Central Asia Caucus are:

6/4/09	Met in person with Chairman Faleomavaega and Dr. Lisa Williams of his staff
7/7/09	In-person meeting with Rep. McKeon and former Rep. Doolittle

Additionally, we made the following general contacts on behalf of Kazakhstan:
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05/01/09	In-person meeting with Kazakhstan Embassy officials and Deputy USTR Timothy Stratford
6/4/09	Met in person with Chairman Faleomavaega and Dr. Lisa Williams to discuss a possible CO-DEL to Kazakhstan
6/12/09	Phone and email conversations with Chairman Faleomavaega's office about Kazakhstan's fuel storage initiative and the implementation of its scholarship program for Kazakhstan students
9/24/09	Spoke on the phone with Rachel Carter, legislative assistant to Representative Kay Granger (R-TX), Ranking Minority Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, about Ambassador Idrissov's meeting with the Congresswoman on Sept. 30
9/28/09	Followed up on the phone with Rachel Carter, senior legislative assistant to Rep. Granger regarding Ambassador Idrissov's September 30 meeting
10/9/09	Spoke on the phone to Senator Risch's office concerning the insertion of a news article in the Senate Record
10/16/09	Spoke in-person with Congressman Dan Burton about visiting Kazakhstan

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Materials Disseminated in Connection with Registration

Media Advisories:

1. Economic Forum to Showcase Trade and Investment Opportunities for U.S. Businesses in Kazakhstan
2. Kazakh National Youth Symphony and Traditional Music Ensemble 'Turan' to Perform in Beverly Hills
3. Kazakhstan to Present "National Human Rights Action Plan" and "2008 Activity Report"

Press Releases:

1. Congress Launches Central Asia Causus
2. Economic Forum to Showcase Trade and Investment Opportunities for U.S. Businesses in Kazakhstan
3. Embassy of Kazakhstan Launches New Website
4. Kazakh Officials Unveil Human Rights Action Plan and Progress Report
5. Kazakh National Youth Symphony and Traditional Music Ensemble Turan Launch Their U.S. Concert Tour in Beverly Hills
6. Kazakhstan Hosts Conference in Preparation for OSCE Chairmanship
7. Kazakhstan's Finance Minister to Promote Trade, Investment During U.S. Visit

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**Economic Forum to Showcase Trade and Investment Opportunities
for U.S. Businesses in Kazakhstan**

Who: Kazakh Prime Minister H.E. Karim Massimov, Minister of Finance H.E. Bolat Zhamishev, and Kazakh and U.S. leaders from the public and private sectors.

What: The second annual "Kazakhstan-U.S. Investment Forum" will focus on increased prospects for bilateral trade and investment.

When: November 23-24, 2009

Where: Harvard Club, New York City

Why: With robust economic growth, strong consumer demand, rising incomes, and abundant natural resources, Kazakhstan is an attractive market and investment target with tremendous prospects for the United States. This event will provide an ideal arena for U.S. investors and companies looking for new business and growth opportunities to explore Kazakhstan's rapidly expanding market.

Visit the official event site at www.kazakhinvest.com for more information about the forum. To register, go to <http://www.kazakhinvest.com/html/form.htm> and follow the on-screen instructions.

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Kazakh National Youth Symphony and Traditional Music Ensemble 'Turan' to Perform in Beverly Hills

- Who:** The Symphony Orchestra of the Kurmangazy Kazakh National Conservatory and the Kazakh traditional music ensemble Turan.
- What:** The Orchestra and Turan make their North American debut with this performance, the first of five stops along their concert tour.
- When:** Sunday, November 15, 2009 at 3 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 8 p.m.
Friday, November 20, 2009 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 3 p.m.
Monday, November 23, 2009 at 8 p.m.
- Where:** Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills, California
Zellerbach Auditorium at UC Berkeley in Berkeley, California
Kennedy Center in Washington, DC
MIT's Kresge Auditorium in Boston, Massachusetts
Carnegie Hall in New York City
- Why:** The Symphony Orchestra and Turan will showcase a mixture of the European and Russian classical traditions with a sampling of the rich cultural music of Kazakhstan. This concert tour marks a step toward increased cultural understanding between the United States and Kazakhstan.

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Kazakhstan to Present “National Human Rights Action Plan” and “2008 Activity Report”

Who: Tastemir Abyshev, Chairman of Kazakhstan’s Commission on Human Rights.
Askar Shakirov, Ph.D., Kazakhstan’s National Ombudsman.

What: Chairman Abyshev and Dr. Shakirov, respectively, will present the official Kazakh “National Human Rights Action Plan, 2009-2012,” and “The 2008 Activity Report.”

Following their remarks, both Chairman Abyshev and Dr. Shakirov will be available for questions regarding their presentations.

When: Friday, November 16, 2009 from (TBD)

Where: (TBD)

Why: These documents are being released to the public in preparation for the Republic of Kazakhstan assuming the chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2010. Kazakhstan will be the first former Soviet Union state to chair the OSCE.

The reports provide both a strategic action plan that will inform and guide Kazakhstan’s activities during its tenure and an overview of key actions and progress to date. They are being made available in the context of a series of ongoing meetings and conferences leading up to Kazakhstan’s OSCE chairmanship.

Congress Launches Central Asia Caucus

Panel underscores strategic importance of Kazakhstan, Central Asia to U.S.

Washington, D.C.—November 18, 2009 | Congress today launched the bipartisan Congressional Caucus on Central Asia, formed and chaired by Del. Eni Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa) and Rep. Buck McKeon (R-Calif.), with a Capitol Hill event. This forum will focus on key issues and opportunities in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, a region of growing influence and strategic importance to the United States and the world.

Since gaining their independence from the Soviet Union, the Central Asian nations of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan have looked to Western democracies, particularly the United States, for cooperation and assistance on mutual issues. Central Asia is increasingly playing a significant role in energy production and supply, regional stability and security, democracy and human rights promotion, nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, economic growth, and trade and investment.

The kick-off event was attended by several members of Congress who are part of the Caucus, key State Department officials, non-governmental organization executives, foreign ambassadors, the media, and ambassadors from the five Central Asian nations. Remarks by lawmakers and dignitaries highlighted the importance of strengthening relations between the United States and Central Asia and enhancing cooperation across a wide spectrum of shared interests.

“Today marks a proud moment and historic opportunity for Kazakhstan, the United States, and Central Asia. In the months and years ahead, we can and will take important steps together in deepening our relationship and ties,” said H.E. Erlan Idrissov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United States.

The Kazakh envoy praised the leadership, vision, and determination of Del. Faleomavaega and Rep. McKeon in formulating and forming the Central Asia panel. “As a committed Caucus partner,” concluded Idrissov, “Kazakhstan looks forward to working to address the many challenges we face and also helping to bring about the positive changes and progress that all of us have envisioned from the outset.”

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Economic Forum to Showcase Trade and Investment Opportunities for U.S. Businesses in Kazakhstan

WASHINGTON, D.C.—NOVEMBER 23, 2009 | The second annual “Kazakhstan-U.S. Investment Forum,” held November 23-24, 2009 at New York City’s Harvard Club, will focus on increased prospects for bilateral trade and investment.

“For U.S. investors and companies looking for new business and growth opportunities, this forum will provide an ideal arena to explore Kazakhstan’s rapidly expanding market,” said Kazakh Prime Minister H.E. Karim Massimov, who will address forum participants via video conference.

With robust economic growth, strong consumer demand, rising incomes, and abundant natural resources, Kazakhstan is an attractive market and investment target with tremendous prospects for the United States. This event will facilitate discussions and exchanges among top Kazakh and U.S. leaders in both the public and private sectors.

“Through this forum, we want to highlight Kazakhstan’s market potential and provide a platform for expanded trade and investment with current and potential U.S. partners,” said Bolat Zhamishev, Kazakhstan’s Minister of Finance, who will lead his government’s delegation at the forum.

The event will also address ways to expand energy partnerships, including the oil and gas industry, and tap Kazakhstan’s strategic importance as an international logistical hub.

“We encourage U.S. investors to consider the vast opportunities and rewards that Kazakhstan has to offer and discover why other companies have chosen to do business in Kazakhstan,” Prime Minister Massimov added.

Visit the official event site at www.kazakhinvest.com for more information about the forum. To register, go to <http://www.kazakhinvest.com/html/form.htm> and follow the on-screen instructions.

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Embassy of Kazakhstan Launches New Website

Washington, DC—October XX, 2009 | The Embassy of Kazakhstan in Washington, DC today announced the launch of its enhanced, redesigned, and interactive Website. The site can be found at www.kazakhembus.com.

The Website includes a new photo and video gallery; links to major Kazakh news agencies; information concerning the country's history, traditions, government, and culture; current news and updates; contact information for the Embassy; RSS feeds and share buttons; and a calendar of significant upcoming events in the United States and abroad.

The site also features a blog from H.E. Erlan Idrissov, Kazakhstan Ambassador to the United States, through which he can share his insights, views on topics, and experiences in the United States. The blog will also include videos and pictures highlighting the Ambassador's activities.

Since gaining its independence from the former Soviet Union, Kazakhstan has worked to establish stronger connections with its western allies. The Ambassador has high hopes that the Website will be a valuable vehicle to help clarify misconceptions that Americans may have about Kazakhstan and help them learn more about this emerging democracy.

"Viewers watching 'Borat' might conclude that Kazakhstan is a backward country. But they might never learn that Kazakhstan has a modern capital, Astana, built completely from scratch, that this landlocked country boasts one of the world's most unique oceanariums, that cosmonauts are launched into space from Kazakhstan, or that Kazakhstan is the world's third-largest producer of uranium—and will become the largest by 2010," said Ambassador Idrissov.

The Embassy will keep the Website updated with important news and events relating to Kazakhstan and its relationship with the United States. Ambassador Idrissov will also make regular posts to his blog.

"Those who take the time to visit the Embassy's enhanced Website will not only have their understanding of Kazakhstan enriched but will also discover a promising nation that holds a key to the world's success," said the Ambassador.

Visit the Embassy of Kazakhstan's website at www.kazakhembus.com.

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Kazakh Officials Unveil Human Rights Action Plan and Progress Report

Human Rights Commitment Reaffirmed as Nation Prepares for OSCE Chairmanship

Washington, D.C.—November 17, 2009 | Human rights officials from the Republic of Kazakhstan today released an action plan and progress report in advance of the nation's chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2010.

Tastemir Abishev, secretary of Kazakhstan's Commission on Human Rights, unveiled the "National Human Rights Action Plan of the Republic of Kazakhstan, 2009-2012," [ADD HYPERLINK], and Askar Shakirov, Ph.D., Kazakhstan's National Ombudsman for Human Rights, delivered the "2008 Ombudsman's Activity Report," [ADD HYPERLINK] detailing the nation's efforts to address human rights issues and achieve significant progress in this area.

"This is a historic occasion and opportunity on the eve of Kazakhstan assuming leadership of the OSCE," said H.E. Erlan Idrissov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the United States, commenting on the presentation of the two reports that took place in the U.S. Capitol. Kazakhstan is the first former Soviet Union state to be given the honor of chairing the world's foremost human rights organization.

The event, attended by members of Congress and non-governmental organizations working with Kazakhstan to advance human rights, focused on the presentation and included a roundtable discussion among Kazakh officials, lawmakers, and human rights organizations. Several organizations within and outside Kazakhstan contributed to the action plan that will outline and guide Kazakhstan's activities during its OSCE chairmanship.

"This document details a compelling action agenda as Kazakhstan leads the OSCE during the next two years," said Abishev. "It underscores, once again, our commitment to human rights advocacy, and we are encouraged about what lies ahead and the progress we can achieve by working with other members within the OSCE."

Shakirov presented a report summarizing efforts and outcomes as the emerging democracy addresses human rights. "Our report shows the progress we've made in promoting human rights in just one year," said Shakirov. "These are encouraging results and demonstrate the kind of progress that Kazakhstan will help lead when it chairs the OSCE next year."

The Honorable Kairat Mami, Prosecutor General of the Republic of Kazakhstan, also made remarks following the presentations.

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**Kazakh National Youth Symphony and Traditional Music Ensemble
Turan Launch Their U.S. Concert Tour in Beverly Hills**

LOS ANGELES—November 12, 2009 | The Symphony Orchestra of the Kurmangazy Kazakh National Conservatory and the Kazakh traditional music ensemble Turan make their U.S. debut this Sunday, November 15, at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills, the first stop of their five-city concert tour from November 15-23.

“We are excited to bring this musical experience to the United States for the first time,” said Kazakhstan’s Ambassador to the United States Erlan Idrissov. “It’s an honor to share the talents of our Kazakh performers with the people of Los Angeles, a city that has long been a patron of the arts.”

The Symphony Orchestra and Turan will showcase a mixture of the European and Russian classical traditions with a sampling of the rich cultural music of Kazakhstan.

The performance will take place November 15 at 3 p.m. under the direction of French conductor Christophe Mangou and Kazakh conductor Kanat Omarov. The Symphony Orchestra will perform Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s *Romeo and Juliet–Overture Fantasy*, followed by Sergei Rachmaninoff’s *Piano Concerto No. 2*. Kazakh traditional music ensemble Turan, an award-winning group of folk artists founded in 2008 by students of the National Conservatory, will then perform a series of traditional songs.

“These young musicians will provide a glimpse of Kazakh culture and introduce their American audiences to the ancient musical traditions of Kazakhstan,” Ambassador Idrissov added. “We hope this will be one of many steps toward increasing understanding and strengthening cultural ties between our two nations.”

In addition to their Los Angeles performance, the Symphony Orchestra and Turan will perform at Zellerbach Hall at UC Berkeley on November 17; the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC on November 20; the Kresge Auditorium in Boston on November 22; and Carnegie Hall in New York City on November 23.

Visit www.kazakhembus.com for more information about the upcoming tour.

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Kazakhstan Hosts Conference in Preparation for OSCE Chairmanship

Washington, D.C.—October 27, 2009 | In preparation for assuming the Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2010, the Republic of Kazakhstan will host a conference in Astana, Kazakhstan on October 28, 2009, that will include experts and policymakers from the United States, Europe, and Kazakhstan.

The conference, “Kazakhstan’s OSCE Chairmanship: Challenges and Opportunities,” will open with welcome remarks from H.E. Kanat Saudabayev, Secretary of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The conference will convene three panels of speakers who will address specific themes related to the OSCE.

“For the past two years, Kazakhstan has gathered the best minds to prepare for assuming the OSCE Chairmanship. This meeting is one of many crucial to our success in 2010 as we work to identify priorities and develop strategies on how best to implement them,” said Kazakhstan Secretary of State and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kanat Saudabayev.

Panel I will address “Military and Security Dimension.” Speaking to this issue will be Martha Brill Olcott, senior associate with the Russian and Eurasian Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C.; Bulat Sultanov of the Kazakhstan Institute for Security Studies; Vladimir Socor, senior fellow and long-time senior analyst with the Jamestown Foundation; Stephan Minikes, former U.S. Ambassador to the OSCE; Sergey Fedoseev, head of the Military Strategic Studies Center; and Janusz Bugajski, director of the New European Democracies Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. The Panel will be moderated by Talgat Kaliev, head of the Foreign Policy Analysis and Forecasting Committee, Kazakhstan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Panel II, “Environmental and Economic Dimension,” will be moderated by Azat Bekturov, Vice Minister of Transport and Communications. Speakers include Richard Weitz, senior fellow and Director of the Center for Political-Military Analysis at the Hudson Institute; Michael Laubsch, executive director of the Eurasian Transition Group; and Sagit Ibatulin, head of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

Ermukhamet Ertysbayev, the Counselor of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan; Margarita Assenova, executive director of the Institute for New Democracies; Askar Shakirov, Ombudsman; Bolat Baykadamov, head of the Institute for Parliamentary Development; Mirbulat Kunbayev, from the Association of the Editors-in-Chief; and Mugulsum Amirova, from the Center for Studies and Consultation will speak during Panel III, which will focus on the "Human Dimension."

The conference will be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Astana and will begin at 9 a.m. Registration and breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. This conference is one of many meetings and conferences that have been held in Washington, D.C. and Astana as Kazakhstan prepares to lead the OSCE in 2010. Kazakhstan will be the first ex-Soviet state to assume the OSCE Chairmanship.

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Kazakhstan's Finance Minister to Promote Trade, Investment During U.S. Visit

Huge opportunities beckon U.S. investors in top Central Asian market

WASHINGTON, D.C.—SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 | His Excellency Bolat Zhamishev, Finance Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, will use his U.S. visit to expand economic ties and cooperation between Kazakhstan and the United States, a major trading partner.

Promoting increased trade and investment in Kazakhstan will be the focus of his September 22, 2009 address at the Princeton Club of New York in New York City to representatives of the financial and investor community.

“For U.S. investors and companies looking for new business and growth opportunities, Kazakhstan is the leading market in the rapidly expanding Central Asian region and economy today,” said Finance Minister Zhamishev.

The economic leader emphasized Kazakhstan’s robust economic growth, strong consumer demand and rising incomes, favorable business climate, skilled labor, and abundant natural resources that make it an attractive market and investment target with tremendous prospects.

According to the U.S. State Department’s most recent investment climate assessment for Kazakhstan, the country “...has made significant progress toward creating a market economy since its independence.” In 2000, the U.S. Department of Commerce and the European Union—recognizing the success of Kazakhstan’s economic liberalization, privatization, and other reforms—granted the country market economy status.

The latest State Department figures demonstrate that Kazakhstan is attracting foreign investment. To date, foreign investors have invested about \$76.1 billion in the country.

The United States is the leading investor or one of the top investors in Kazakhstan. According to the Office of the United States Trade Representative, U.S. foreign direct investment was \$4.9 billion in 2007 (latest data available), a 7.1 percent increase over 2006. Today more than 100 U.S. firms are active in the country through subsidiaries, joint ventures, representative offices, or as contractors, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"I strongly encourage U.S. companies to take a good look at Kazakhstan and discover why other companies have chosen to invest. Unlimited opportunities and financial rewards await those who are willing to do business in Kazakhstan. And we're open for business and ready to help," concluded Minister Zhamishev.

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